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This is responsive to the Office Action dated July 5, 2001. A Petition for Extension of Time of one month and fee authorization are attached hereto. Please amend the instant application as shown below:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 13, 19, and 20 as follows:

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13. A method for providing sedation, mitigating anxiety or providing anaesthesia in a subject in need thereof, comprising administering to a subject an effective amount of a therapeutic compound, wherein the therapeutic compound is of the formula (Ic):



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